

FASHION and FRIVOLITY

Their Taste in Dress

The Woman Who Thinks She Understands Clothes Discourses About Those Who Don't.

I have never pretended to be pretty or to have a stunning figure. I claim merely to be a quiet looking, well bred sort of a person, with a certain sort of intangible distinction. At the same time I know I do possess what most women lack—good taste in dress.

Now, in saying that I don't mean for one moment that all the clothes my friends see me wearing are just the proper thing. In the first place, I am a woman of limited means, and have to wear my clothes until they are worn out; and I don't believe, anyway, in spending every cent on my back, when there are so many other things in the world to spend it on—such as travel, books, opera tickets and poor people. This implies my buying a good part of my wardrobe ready made, and ready made clothes never fit me, and, besides, the wearer of ready made clothes always sacrifices something of her individuality, which the made-to-order woman does not. Next, like everybody else, a great many of my clothes were bought at the last moment, for some special occasion, without the care and forethought which the always well dressed woman must devote to her apparel. Next, my dressmaker has frequently botched my things—but you know one can't throw away an absolutely new gown even though the skirt is not cut right. And lastly, my sister always hands down her old dresses to me, and, between you and me, my sister's taste in dress is execrable.

Yes, I know at this very moment, my jacket is too short—it was a bargain—and that this shade of brown does not bring out the copper tints in my hair as another color would. My only condition is that, given plenty of leisure and plenty of money, I should be the best dressed woman in New York, for my taste in dress is excellent.

Between you and me, most of my friends have no taste at all; and they don't know it! In cold blood, they go downtown and select suits and dresses and neckwear which in every detail of line and color are absolutely wrong. Then they will appear in public wearing their new purchases with the utmost complacency, and dreaming for a moment that they look like guys—

Just from lack of perception of the fitness of things. Oh, if I were only given an opportunity to help them make their choice—only too gladly would I sacrifice some afternoon to go shopping with them, in order that they might for once at least appear in the sort of clothes to bring out their good points, instead of that which makes them look twice as tall or fat or thin as they really ought to look.

There is one woman I have specialty in mind—fifteen years ago she might have been thin, and she has never got over the idea. Thinking of herself as a mere slip of a maid, she affects lingerie hats, blue ribbon sashes and ankle length dresses that make her, with her present substantial style of anatomy, appear like a bran-stuffed pincushion, with large, sensible feet—looming upon the horizon. With her years and her style of anatomy, she ought to be satisfied to dress in rich, heavy fabrics and appear statuesque. But not she! She is perfectly satisfied with herself; in fact, one day, when I was mustering up courage to implore her for the sake of all she held dear never to be seen in that rosebud chiffon again, she observed with all the aplomb in the world, why didn't I take her along the next time I thought of purchasing a suit? Did you ever?

Then there is another girl I have in mind. Amy is an art student, and her associates rave about her being a perfect Burne-Jones type, but to me she looks, with her drooping floppiness, much more like a perfectly good dishrag. My hands have ached ever since I first saw her to put a pair of good, stiff corsets on her and pull them tight. But she is a nice girl, and I wouldn't hurt her feelings for the world—you know how touchy people are. I decided to approach the matter through her sister, and one day managed to switch the conversation toward Amy. I held forth at length upon Amy and her sweet, pre-Raphaelite expression, all the time thinking hard in my mind, "X. & Y.—pulled tight." Then suddenly her sister broke out: "Only yesterday Amy was saying she would give anything to select your clothes for a year. With her instinct for line and color she could make you look wonderful!"

None so blind—after all, what's the use?

M. H. FISHER

Club and Social Notes

In spite of the numerous distractions of the holiday season, about two hundred women sat down to the luncheon given by the Minerva Club last Tuesday, and an equal number enjoyed the programme that followed.

The musical part of the programme consisted of two groups of songs given by Mrs. Joseph Edgar, with Miss Anna Byrne at the piano. Mrs. Edward Balbach read a paper on current subjects, Mrs. Wesley Smith gave a talk on the "Spirit of the Season," Miss Laura Skinner, president of the Daughters of Ohio, spoke on "Woman's Sphere," and Mrs. Richard N. Stearns conducted a review of books, in which Mrs. J. F. Yawger, Dr. Sarah MacNutt, Mrs. Belle de Rivera and others joined. After considering all these weighty subjects, the women still retained energy enough for an animated discussion on the seventy-ninth clause of the Page bill. At a business meeting, held at 12 o'clock, Mrs. Howard MacNutt, Mrs. George Wallace and Miss Florence Guernsey were appointed delegates to the February convention of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs, with Mrs. Darwin W. Trues, Mrs. Frank G. Burke and Mrs. S. B. Conklin as alternates.

This society will give a special entertainment at the Waldorf-Astoria on Monday, January 2, for the benefit of the philanthropic fund. There will be a programme, followed by a dance. The chairmen of the various committees in charge will be Mrs. Emma Erskine Hahn, Mrs. Marie Cross, Mrs. George Fink, and Mrs. George Fink will act as treasurer. Tickets may be obtained from Mrs. Newman, No. 44 Fifth Avenue, or from Mrs. Hahn.

The Chicago Club has arranged to make its first meeting of the new year a tribute to the literary lights of the "Windy City," and a number of the distinguished individuals are expected to be present to testify to the beneficial effects of a residence there upon the flames of genius. George Barr McCutcheon and Julian Street are to be present, with Mrs. McCutcheon and Mrs. Street, and Edith Ellis will take part in the programme. It is hoped that George Ade will also be present to join in the celebration, and many well known writers in the magazine and newspaper world have been invited. Miss Margaret Hubbard Ayer will sing. The meeting will be held on Saturday afternoon, January 7, at the clubrooms, No. 199 Broadway.

The Daughters of the Revolution of the State of New York will have an "at home" for members at the Waldorf-Astoria, No. 15 West 53d street, on Friday, January 6, from 1 to 6 o'clock.

A meeting of the board of directors of the National Society of United States Daughters of 1812 will be held at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday, January 4, at the home of the president, Mrs. William Gerry Slade, No. 232 West 87th street. After adjournment a meeting of the board of directors of the New York State society will be called.

The Rev. Dr. J. G. Halliwell, superintendent of the Bowery Mission, spoke on the work of the mission at the meeting held by the National Society of the Women of Ohio, held last Friday afternoon at the Waldorf-Astoria. A number of new members were welcomed to the National Society of New England Women at the regular business meeting, held on Thursday, December 29, at the Waldorf-Astoria. It was also announced that a new colony had been formed at Albany, N. Y., this being the second one to come into existence during the past year of the present president, Miss Sara A. Palmer. At the close of the business session Mrs. Ralph Trautman, president of the Women's Health Protective Association, spoke on the work accomplished by that organization during its career of more than twenty-five years.

At the annual meeting of the Washington Headquarters Association, held at the Hotel Marlborough last week, the following were elected by the board of directors as officers for the ensuing year:

Honorary president, Mrs. Samuel J. Kramer; president, Mrs. Frederick Hasbrouck; vice president, Mrs. Mary Vanderpool; Mrs. William R. Stewart and Mrs. William C. Story, recording secretary, Mrs. H. Cross.

well Tuttle, corresponding secretary, Mrs. William Arrowsmith; treasurer, Mrs. N. Taylor Phillips; historian, Mrs. George W. Smith, and enrolling secretary, Mrs. C. Goldsboro.

The Women's League for Animals, of which Mrs. James Speyer is president, will give an entertainment on January 23 at the Plaza Hotel. An opera, "The Dream Girl," the words of which were written by Kenneth G. Webb and the music by Roy D. Webb, will be produced, a number of young men and women from the Junior League taking part. Tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Speyer, No. 100 West 12th street, or from Mrs. Speyer, No. 100 West 12th street.

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GOWNS FOR THE SUNNY SOUTH.

There can be few women who, after having carried around heavy winter garments, for a month or two, would not be tempted by the summery attire now being displayed in the shops to fly, if they could, to a clime where these pretty things might be worn. Two of the new costumes designed for wear in the South are illustrated to-day, the first a white cotton marquisette trimmed with coarse lace and colored embroideries, and the second a white embroidered linen showing a lavish use of open work.

An important matter. See to it that the dressing table is placed in a good light for day toilets and that the electric lights or gas jets are satisfactorily adjusted for dressing and reading.

Many times where perhaps one might not call a room ill furnished, it seems to lack the "little comforts" which go so far to make the temporary occupant feel thoroughly at home. Try to have the company room look inviting and homey, the minute it is entered. If the season permits, have a bright, cheery blaze in the open fireplace. In midsummer have a gorgeous bunch of old-fashioned garden flowers on the desk or in the wide window-sill. Furnish the room with an easy couch, as many a considerate guest does not care to use the bed in the day time. Near by have a table with a reading lamp, a magazine or so, a few new books, and perhaps an old favorite or two.

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Successful Gowns Are Simple

Smart French Women Avoid All Excess and All Meaningless Ornamentation.

Paris, December 21.

Every one loves the odd little train on evening gowns of this season. Its narrow, detached length, square or pointed, dragging a foot at the most, is fascinating. All winter these trains have been of silk, plain or brocaded, but recently at smart evening balls at the Opera a few velvet ones have appeared. A blond beauty was particularly fetching in a gown of white Alençon lace, with its skirt short enough to show her feet in their pretty pointed shoes of white satin, buckled with Strauss stones. The lace corsage was like a "bib," alike at back and front, and was held together over the shoulders by a two-inch strap of black velvet ribbon. On one shoulder the strap was quite plain; on the other it was slipped

it is belted according to the color of the gown beneath.

It is wonderful the variety it is possible to achieve in the little mandarin sleeved over-corsage of black or dark toned mousseline de soie; the effect of variety is generally gained by the trimming on the chemisette, for the shape of the over-corsage remains the same whether for evening or afternoon gowning. The high or low chemisette marks the difference. New chemisettes to wear with these little Oriental affairs are made of sheer white mousseline de soie, embroidered all over in an extremely open design; under this a band of vividly toned ribbon circles the figure, or a band of metal embroidery. The white head embroidery, which has been so

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actly the same manner. Close fitting sleeves of black satin pointed to the knuckles, and a wrinkled belt of black satin was joined to a narrow one of the cashmere, fastened by a large black button, on each side.

The gowning of to-day adopted by the smartest French women has an allure in its simplicity of line indescribably fascinating. On this simplicity all the successes of the season are based. There is also a reaction against the excessive, the meaningless use of ornamentation. The manufacturers, in the softness of the silk and velvet materials they have produced, in the exquisite colors of their muslins and gauzes and in their choice of designs, copied mainly from antique fabrics, have done their part in attaining this most satisfactory result. With all these resources at hand, if a woman of to-day is not well gowning, even on a small dress allowance, the reason must be her bad taste and poor judgment. Her velvet, velveteen or cloth street costume, if cut on correct lines, may be enviably chic, if without a vestige of trimming. Her afternoon gown of soft material, like crepe de chine or silk voile, tastefully made and worn with different chemisettes, serves equally for the theatre or an evening reception, and a long, close fitting coat, as simply shaped as a sack nightgown, with velvet collar and revers and gayly colored lining, completes the toilette for afternoon or evening.

M. A. F.

HIDDEN TREASURES

Secret Drawer of Romance Appears in New Forms.

There is a glamour of romance about the secret repository for treasures. The secret drawer and the secret panel have figured in many stories, true as well as false. In Colonial times scarcely a desk, wardrobe or bureau was made without some inconspicuous place where valuables might be secreted. The nobles of the Latin races used to have lap desks in which there were invariably secret hiding places, and there is now in the possession of a New York woman an old Spanish desk in which there are no less than twenty-four secret compartments. Its history touches upon the creed of kings and the sorrows of many women. It is a silent holder of mysteries. When it was bought at a well known antique dealer's in Gibraltar, a chart was supplied with it, indicating the location of twelve secret places. After it was overhauled by an expert for the purpose of renovation, just twelve more such hidden places were discovered. Several of them were inside of others, each one being most exquisitely made. As a small column, necessary to the design of the centre of the desk, was pushed aside, a very smooth panel came into view, having in its middle a miniature brass ring. When one of the implements of the desk, looking like a tiny brass pick, was pressed into this ring the panel flew open, revealing a chest of five little drawers, each one finished with brass knobs. These drawers in turn could be lifted out as a whole, when a much larger receptacle came into view.

On this desk two brass candlesticks screw into places apparently made for no other purpose. Still when the finger is moistened and drawn across the surrounding side. As this is accomplished, two round pieces of ivory are noticed, each one appearing very much like a poker chip. An attempt to pick them up, however, proves futile, since they are, in truth, ivory pinders and must be pulled out from the holes into which they fit most snugly. They were originally intended to hold the Spanish gold pieces corresponding to the American \$20 piece. Within each one of these cylinders ten such pieces can be packed away. Even the little compartment that holds the ink bottle of this desk, and which has an expression of complete innocence, is found, when examined, to be possessed of a second bottom which lifts out and discloses the largest hiding place of the whole desk.

The trouble with all these contrivances was that they could usually be found in the same place. Hence their value came into question. The lap desks used to be carried off bodily by evil disposed persons and chopped to pieces, for which reason they went completely out of use and are now the rarest of antiques.

The need for a secret place in which treasures may be hid from the dishonest or the curious has not, however, gone out of date, and there are probably as many such hiding places to-day as in Colonial times, but their character has completely changed. They are less romantic, but it would take a clever person to find them. The modern woman with treasures to hide knows better than to use the secret drawer in the Colonial desk, which is known to every dealer in antiques. She surveys her surroundings and selects for her treasures



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some place that is unassociated with such contrivances. One woman has lately made hiding places in the posts of her bed. Fortunately, it is not one of the beds with truly high posts, or a stepladder might be needed to gain access to the receptacles. It stands about four feet high, and the posts have been hollowed out to the depth of six inches and lined with velvet, so that even the most frail pieces of jewelry can be placed within them without fear of their being scratched.

The torchlike ornamental pieces with which the posts are finished lift in and out, and when they are in place there is nothing to show that beneath them may be hidden personal treasures representing many thousands of dollars.

Another woman has a hiding place for keys in the back of a medium sized picture hung in a dressing room. A false back, not more than an inch in depth, extends across the lower part of the picture. It opens by means of a spring which is not readily detected, and inside are rows of small hooks on which the various keys of the household are hung, those of each member of the family being kept together. From these hooks rings, bracelets, chains and other objects of worth might also be suspended, although in the cited instance they are used exclusively for keys.

Another clever woman has made a hiding place in the seat of a chair. It is a French chair, covered with tapestry, and it has been so arranged that the upholstery and springs can be lifted out, disclosing a fairly large scooped out place in the lowest work of the chair. Here, innumerable things have been hidden—jewels, papers and the last will and testament of the head of the house. Few that sit on this chair know anything of its hidden treasures, and it is dusted and handled daily by chambermaids, who are not aware that it is in any way different from any of the other chairs.

More romantic than bedposts and chair bottoms, and somewhat suggestive of the secret panels of the story books, are the miniature safes with regular combination locks which are now placed in many walls, even those of apartment houses. Usually they are small enough to be hidden by a picture or a piece of wall drapery. Such wall safes have of late become very popular. They serve the needs of the modern woman admirably, since they are very commodious, providing ample room to store pieces of reserve silver, jewels, letters and the like. Women have even gone abroad leaving their wall safes filled with the greater part of their valuables.

ON THE SHELF.

To the married woman and to the spinster alike it is always a shock to find that parties are being given for a younger set to which they are not bidden, for the realization that these younger members of society are classing them as "old" is not altogether pleasant. To the married woman this experience usually comes later than to the unmarried, for she will be asked to young gatherings when a spinster several years her junior will be omitted. Whether this is because her husband is still reckoned attractive, though married, or because of her utility as a chaperon, is an open question, but the fact remains. One spinster lately confessed that for several days after her first experience at being left out of a party she felt "old" is not altogether pleasant. To the married woman this experience usually comes later than to the unmarried, for she will be asked to young gatherings when a spinster several years her junior will be omitted. Whether this is because her husband is still reckoned attractive, though married, or because of her utility as a chaperon, is an open question, but the fact remains. One spinster lately confessed that for several days after her first experience at being left out of a party she felt "old" is not altogether pleasant. To the married woman this experience usually comes later than to the unmarried, for she will be asked to young gatherings when a spinster several years her junior will be omitted. Whether this is because her husband is still reckoned attractive, though married, or because of her utility as a chaperon, is an open question, but the fact remains. One spinster lately confessed that for several days after her first experience at being left out of a party she felt "old" is not altogether pleasant. To the married woman this experience usually comes later than to the unmarried, for she will be asked to young gatherings when a spinster several years her junior will be omitted. Whether this is because her husband is still reckoned attractive, though married, or because of her utility as a chaperon, is an open question, but the fact remains. One spinster lately confessed that for several days after her first experience at being left out of a party she felt "old" is not altogether pleasant. To the married woman this experience usually comes later than to the unmarried, for she will be asked to young gatherings when a spinster several years her junior will be omitted. Whether this is because her husband is still reckoned attractive, though married, or because of her utility as a chaperon, is an open question, but the fact remains. One spinster lately confessed that for